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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the remarks which follows.

REMARKS

In this response, Applicants do not amend or cancel any claims. Applicants do not add any new claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over IEEE 1394 Standard for a High Performance Serial Bus ("Reference 1") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,185,184 to Mattaway, et al. ("Mattaway"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In order to render a claim obvious, the relied upon references must teach or suggest every limitation of the claim such that the invention as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one skilled in the art. Among other limitations, independent Claim 1 recites receiving a NAK while the primary packet is being transmitted and aborting the transmission